

REGION 3 ANNUAL MEETING  
Minutes  
APRIL 30, 2021  
FORT WORTH, TEXAS

Meeting called to order approximately 7:10 pm by Patti Conner.

Those in attendance:

Patti Conner – Regional Director  
Billie Willis – Technical Chair  
Shelli Taylor-New Mexico State Chair Interim  
Matt Hinds-Oklahoma State Chair interim  
Curtis Miller-West Texas State Chair  
Jeffery Brown-South Texas State Chair  
Holly Garrington-North Texas State chair  
Devon Illes-Coaches Rep  
Brysann Vaughn-Athlete Rep  
Becki Weathers-Secretary

**Old Business**

2019 Minutes were included in the board packet but were approved via Zoom meeting May 6, 2020

Motion to approve May 6, 2020 Meeting minutes

Motion: Billie Willis  
Second: Holly Garrington  
Motion passed UNANMOUSLY

**New Business**

Profit /Loss balance sheet from 2019/2020

Patti went over the P&L with the board explaining the ramifications of no Regionals in 2020  
The board was encouraged to be financially responsible based on the fact that the Region had no income in 2020.

Numbers of Athletes at Region 3 Championships

2019-1012 athletes in Lubbock  
2021-1046 athletes in Fort Worth  
The numbers for level 8 is dramatically higher than normal this year.

2022 Regionals May 1-3, 2022

Patti informed the board that 2022 is the last year we have a contract with Fort Worth. The cost of the facility has increased. The Fort Worth CVB will be helping with a \$6000 donation for 2021 and \$6500 for 2022 to help defray the increased cost of rent. We will also begin paying for electricity in 2022, which will be a major expense.

For 2023 and beyond Patti did site tour in Irving TX (Los Colinas) area, there is no financial details yet. She is hoping the cost will be lower for this venue and will put together some information for 2023 location choices .

Patti updated the board on National 2021. Hopefully the remaining information including hotels will be posted next week.

#### State Chair Reports

Holly Garrington – North Texas State Chair – NTX state championships was a success. North Texas will continue to host this event in this venue as it is very affordable and available. The plan is to host a State Clinic late fall or early winter.

Brysann Vaughn – Athlete Rep – Athlete feedback was minimal this past year. Hoping to improve communication.

Devin Iles – Coach Rep – Devin is going to rev up the Facebook page with questions and education for coaches this year. State chairs to reach out to Devon for communication and training. Need to use TDC training also.

Shelli Taylor – New Mexico interim state chair - New Mexico is still experiencing very low numbers in the gyms. Classes not open yet open. State meet was combined with West Texas.

Matt Hinds – Oklahoma interim director - Matt had no info to share at this time.

Curtis – West Texas State Chair - State meet location was changed five times because of COVID restriction or changes, the competition ended up in Midland. 426 Athletes attended. Raised \$ for Scholarships. Profit \$10,000.00.

Jeffrey Brown – South Texas State Chair - Had Invitational at Tumble Tech. State Championship at Powerhouse - 337 in attendance. Doing Judges education for South Texas and it is helping to bring South Texas together.

Billie Willis – Technical Rep - Discussed how panels were seated for Regionals. We only seated one CAT 3 judge per panel, utilizing our upper levels to see if this addresses coaches concerns over scores in the past. The new CAT 2-3 judges course are ready to next Quad. CAT 1 test will not be ready by nationals because we are waiting on final rules from the FIG. CAT 1 judges must monitor a CAT 2 course in order to get Developmental rules and changes. Region 3 has a great Judges pool at this point. Technical committee has worked hard towards the New Quad.

Patti – Reminded everyone to check sanctions carefully and ensure that everyone is on their sanction. Many coaches missed the requirement of the T210 to be on the floor this year.

State directors need to review their state bylaws and make sure they are current with new rules that are being formed and handed down from the governing body. Transparency in all things we do is paramount. Send State bylaws to Patti for feedback about possible changes.

#### Financial Accounting

Discussed State financial accounts. Need to be aware of amounts in your accounts and make sure that everything is accounted for both income and expenses. Each state chair if required to submit a financial report for 2020-2021

Funding

Discussion was held regarding the Region 3 members who will participate in the Pan American Championships in Rio De Janiero in June of 2021.

Motion to cover the remaining 20% of travel package not covered by USA Gymnastics for Krista McNary and ½ of the travel package up to \$1000 for Ashten Linney (coach)

Motion: Billie Willis

Second: Jeffery Brown

Motion Passed UNANAMOUSLY

Based on the fact we do not have any information regarding the cost of the travel package for World Championships or WAGC and the need to make fiscally responsible decisions because of the loss of income in 2020 the board decided to table funding discussion regarding international and national events until we have all information needed to make these decisions.

**International Competitions Non or Partially funded athletes**

- International Invitational

Level 10 - 14&Under athletes **TBD**

Must have placed top 10 at 2021 Regionals or a finalist at 2021 National Championships

- World Championships **TBD**
- World Age Group **TBD**
- World Cup **TBD**
- YE/JR/SR/ Non Natl Team Members **TBD**
- JR/SR National Team Members **TBD**
- Pan American Games **TBD**

Maximum of two competitions for all athletes with the exception of SR National team members who may receive funding for a maximum of three. Competitions include World Championships and WAG. State funding will be considered “funding”

**International Competitions non or partially funded personal coaches**

One funded coach per team will be funded by the Region

- World Championships ½ athlete travel package max **TBD**
- World Age Group ½ athlete travel package max **TBD**
- World Cup ½ athlete travel package max **TBD**
- Spain Invitational ½ athlete travel package max **TBD**
- YE/JR/SR/ Non Natl Team Members ½ athlete travel package max **TBD**
- JR/SR National Team Members ½ athlete travel package max **TBD**
- Pan American Games ½ athlete travel package max **TBD**

Since personal coaches are not allowed to purchase the travel package they will receive a maximum of ½ travel package of their highest ranked athlete that is traveling at the time.

Once receipts have been provided the personal coaches may receive up to ½ the total amount received by their athlete that is traveling to said competition. This amount only includes airfare, hotel, transportation to and from the venue.

There is no maximum number of international competitions for coaches. State funding will be considered “funding”

Limit of one personal coach per team will be funded, unless an additional team coach is named as an official coach for the USA Team Delegation. Personal coaches must accept and fulfill the following in order to receive approved funding.

A personal coach is eligible to receive funding approved by the Region 3 Board of Directors if:

- 1) They attend to their personal athlete needs and are supportive of the athlete and USA Gymnastics assigned coaches.
- 2) Help other athletes in the US delegation as needed
- 3) Make themselves available to the USA Team Manager for a minimum of, but not limited to on assignment during the duration of the competition. This assignment could include such things as, bed check, bus assignments, transportation, head count etc.
- 4) Must attend all scheduled team meetings in order to obtain important information including daily schedules, volunteer needs etc.
- 5) Must be present at all competitions where their personal athlete is participating.

All funding is a reimbursement at the completion of the competition and based on the fulfillment of the criteria listed above.

Funding may not exceed the cost of the travel package including any other travel scholarship given by the athlete or coaches respective state.

#### **International Competitions non or partially funded Judges**

Judges who are assigned as part of the USA Delegation or are attending an international invitational with a Region 3 athlete will receive 100% of their documented unfunded travel expenses.

There is no maximum number of international competitions for judges.

**TBD**

Motion to fund

Non or Partially funded athletes and coaches

EDP Camp	NO Funding
Wellness Camp	NO Funding
Jr. National Team	\$500
Sr. National Team	\$500

Motion: Billie Willis

Second: Holly Garrington

Motion to approved Prize money as follows:

Prize Money for Region 3 Athletes

Finalist Individual Trampoline, Tumbling & Double Mini Trampoline

World Age Group	\$250.00
World Championships	\$1000.00
World Cup with 39 or less in the competitive group	\$350.00
World Cup with 40 or more in the competitive group	\$700.00
Pan American	\$350.00

Medalist Individual Trampoline, Tumbling & Double Mini Trampoline

World Age Group	\$500.00
World Championships	\$2000.00
World Cup with 39 or less in the competitive group	\$600.00

World Cup with 40 or more in the competitive group	\$1200.00
Pan American	\$600.00

Motion: Matt Hinds  
 Second: Devin Iles  
 Motion passes UNANMOUSLY

Prize Money for Current Region 3 Coaches

Finalist Individual Trampoline, Tumbling & Double Mini Trampoline

World Age Group	\$125.00
World Championships	\$500.00
World Cup with 39 or less in the competitive group	\$175.00
World Cup with 40 or more in the competitive group	\$350.00
Pan American	\$175.00

Medalist Individual Trampoline, Tumbling & Double Mini Trampoline

World Age Group	\$250.00
World Championships	\$1000.00
World Cup with 39 or less in the competitive group	\$300.00
World Cup with 40 or more in the competitive group	\$600.00
Pan American	\$300.00

Medalist Synchronized Trampoline

World Championships / World Cup with 21 or More	\$1000.00
World championships / World Cup with 20 or less	\$500.00
World Age Group with 21 or more	\$250.00
World Age Group with 20 or less	\$125.00
Pan American	\$62.50

Finalist Synchronized Trampoline

World Championships / World Cup with 21 or More	\$500.00
World championships / World Cup with 20 or less	\$250.00
World Age Group with 21 or more	\$125.00
World Age Group with 20 or less	\$62.50
Pan American	\$31.25

Motion: Jeffrey Brown  
 Second: Holly Garrington  
 Motion passed UNANMOUSLY

All prize money will only be awarded on completed routines for all events

Trampoline	20/30 Skills
Synchronized	20/30 Skills
Tumbling	16/32 Skills
Double mini	4/8 Skills

Prize money is based on the greater of the two amounts and is not cumulative.

FIG Brevet Judges Exams: To confirm all Region 3 Judges who take the FIG Test for the new quad will be fully funded per Minutes of 5.06.2020

Academic Scholarships

Motion to award the following academic scholarships. ½ of the total awarded will be distributed in the fall of 2021 with the remaining ½ in the spring of 2022, if all requirements are met.

Jonathan Purdum - \$1000

Mikala Snider - \$1000

Mya Mannka - \$1000

Olivia Simpson - \$2000

Drew Collins - \$2000

Motion: Billie Willis

Second: Jeffery Brown

Motion passed UNANAMOUSLY

Patti thanked the board for their endless work and left the meet at 9:30 pm

Motion to approve 17.5% of the 2021 Regional profit as an honorarium for the Regional Director

Motion: Holly Garrington

Second: Matt Hinds

Motion passed UNANAMOUSLY

Meeting adjourned 9:45pm